

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Tuesday, September 13, 2005      4:05 p.m.      Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Representative Spade made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2005, supported by Representative Hune. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Brad Deacon, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Emergency Management, introduced Liesl Clark, the new MDA Legislative Liaison. Chair Nitz and Committee members welcomed Ms. Clark.

**Comment:** I think it needs the word "Division" after or whatever it may be called?

The Chair laid HB 4260 before the Committee.

HB 4260	Hune	Gaming; horse racing; money from uncashed winning tickets; revise distribution of.
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Representative Hune reviewed the provisions of the bill and discussed proposed amendments.

Representative Mayes made a motion to amend HB 4260, supported by Representative Hune, as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 13, after **"FOR"** by striking out **"ANY REASONABLE"** and inserting **"THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**(i) PURSE SUPPLEMENTS AND BREEDERS' AWARDS FOR LIVE HORSE RACING CONDUCTED AT EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**(A) FAIRS IN THIS STATE.**

**(B) LICENSED HORSE RACETRACKS WHERE PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING IS CONDUCTED IN THIS STATE.**

**(ii) IF THE CERTIFIED HORSEMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS WITH LICENSEES THAT CONDUCT QUARTER HORSE RACES, IN ADDITION TO THE PURPOSES IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i), ANY".**

2. Amend page 2, line 15, after "**TO,**" by striking out "**PURSE SUPPLEMENTS,**".

3. Amend page 3, following line 22, by inserting:

**"(2) A CERTIFIED HORSEMEN'S ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES MONEY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL OBTAIN AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE MONEY. THE CERTIFIED HORSEMEN'S ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE AUDIT TO THE RACING COMMISSIONER. THE FIRST AUDIT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE RACING**

**COMMISSIONER ON OR BEFORE 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION AND EACH SUBSEQUENT AUDIT SHALL BE PROVIDED ON THE SAME DATE OF EACH FOLLOWING YEAR."** and renumbering the remaining subsection.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (9/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (9/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

E.J. Brown, representing the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, spoke in opposition to HB 4260.

Cards for HB 4260 were submitted by:

Liesl Clark and Brad Deacon, representing the MDA, submitted a card indicating a neutral position

Terry VanderVeen, representing the Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, in support

Kevin McKinney, representing the Great Lakes Quarter Horse Association, in support  
Representative Hune made a motion to report HB 4260 with recommendation as amended, supported by Representative Stahl.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: Representative Spade. (0/11) (10/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:20 p.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

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